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The Proposed Final Judgment in the Microsoft settlement is terribly lacking in its scope of coverage, and in its abilities adequately enforce the rules it sets. The language of the agreement is far too vague, and allows for far too many loopholes. The Judgment does nothing regulate Microsoft.NET or the C# programming language, and it also fails to mention Microsoft's latest push into the tablet PC industry and their strangle hold on the Pocket PC industry. The Judgment barely covers Microsoft's monopolistic business practice over the last five years, but it does absolutely nothing to slow Microsoft's monopolistic powers in the present and future market.

The Judgment as it stands now is an utter failure. It will do very little erode the Applications Barrier to Entry, because of its vague language, and outdated status. Also, the Judgment provides no special mean beyond law enforcement to enforce the settlement. The Judgment should at a minimum provide for a technical committee with investigative powers to ensure that Microsoft is following the new rules laid down. If this Final Judgment is agreed upon it will do nothing to hinder Microsoft's monopoly, and only lead to more legal action by Microsoft's many crushed competitors in the future.

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